(d) the steps taken for conservation, upkeep and maintenance of these monuments and creating facilities for tourists?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Central Government is seized of the matter. Of the monuments referred to, Mubarak Shah's tomb and Mosque and Teen Burji are protected by the ASI. The ASI has issued show-cause notices, as per provisions of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act 1958 and Rules thereunder. FIRs have also been lodged with the respective police stations. Also, the MCD, which is vested with the power to regulate building constructions in Delhi, has been repeatedly requested not to pass building plans without obtaining NOC's from the Archaeological Survey of India. Also, heritage buildings referred to in the articles, 'Money can buy you heritage here' and 'Concrete doesn't see merit...' do not come under the purview of the ASI.

(d) Day-to-day maintenance and structural repairs to the centrally protected monuments is an on-going process. A conservation programme has been drawn by the Archaeological Survery of India for taking up special repairs to Teen Burji and the unknown tomb, and annual repairs to Mubarak Shah's Tomb and mosque. This includes provision of tourist amenities as well.

Road shows in Foreign Countries

2807. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to hold road show in the United Kingdom, South East Asia, Europe and America in order to attract tourists and assure foreign tourists that India is safe destination; and

(b) if so, when these shows are likely to be held?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Promotion of India's tourism products in the tourism generating markets is an ongoing process and the strategy includes advertising in print and electronic media, road shows, participation in fairs and exhibitions, dissemination of information through brochures, CD Roms, inviting of media personalities under the hospitality programme, web marketing, organization of workshops and seminars etc.

(b) The schedule for road shows have not been finalised.

Development of Jain pilgrimage

†2808. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make a circuit of main places of pilgrimage related to Jain religion in the country on the line of 'Buddha Circuit';

(b) the other scheme being formulated by Government for the development of Jain pilgrimages; and

(c) whether Government are going to connect the Jain pilgrimages in Madhya Pradesh with the other Jain pilgrimages keeping in view the importance of them?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) The matter is under consideration.

(b) and (c) The Department of Culture, Government of India, in commemoration of the 2600 year of Trithankara Mahavira Janam Kalyanak have provided substantial funds to Archaeological Survey of India for conservation and upgradation of environment in and around 59 Centrally Projected Jain Monuments in the country. Funds have also been provided for undertaking environmental upgradation of Jain Monuments.

Duping/harassment of tourists in Kerala

2809. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a sharp increase in cases of teasing, duping and mugging of the tourists in Kerala which draws a lot of foreign tourists;

(b) whether it is also a fact that sex tourism in the guise of Ayurveda parlours is working in the State; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to check all such activities?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.